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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-30-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

BACKGROUND:

In response to your request, set forth is a resume of information from Bufiles about the American Heritage Foundation in addition to data regarding the current members of its Executive Board, the identities of which were determined today after a telephone contact with our New York Office. Bufiles contain no substantive derogatory information regarding these individuals, except for Charles Engelhard, Jr.

AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

This is a reputable organization which was incorporated in 1947 as a non-partisan, nonpolitical, educational group, functioning in the interests of a higher level of citizenship throughout the United States. The Department of Justice in October, 1955, requested information concerning the organization and our memorandum of October 14, 1955, to Assistant Attorney General J. Lee Rankin stated that no investigation had been conducted regarding the American Heritage Foundation and our files contained no derogatory information relating to it. It was also stated that, according to background information prepared by the Foundation for release in May, 1953, the Board of Trustees consisted of leaders in the fields of labor, industry and education. Henry Ford II was Chairman of the Board at that time. It was also revealed that the Foundation had sponsored four national programs in support of its objectives: the tour of the Freedom Train, the get-out-the vote campaign of 1950, the national program commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 1951, and the National Non-Partisan Register and Vote Campaign of 1952.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE

Brendan Byrne is on the Special Correspondents' List and is Executive Director of the American Heritage Foundation. There is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning him. Our contacts have been limited to correspondence with him since January, 1959, when he apparently assumed his present position. He probably is identical with the Brendan Byrne who was editor of "Better Schools" in New York in 1939, when the Director submitted an article to that publication. He is not identical with the Brendan T. Byrne with whom we have cordial correspondence as the prosecutor of Essex County, Newark, New Jersey.

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American Communist Party. Engelhard offered to pay all expenses for Judy Ware's treatment. They were supposedly very enamoured over each other, however, information was later received that Judy Ware married another man.

Engelhard, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Baker and Company, Newark, New Jersey, as late as July, 1958, was negotiating with officials of Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City, to purchase Soviet platinum for import. Files do not reflect whether this agreement was ever reached.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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HAROLD W. COMFORT U.S.

Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding this individual who was President of The Borden Company. An Antitrust investigation was conducted involving this company in the late 1930s and early 1940s and it was revealed that Mr. Comfort was a man of good reputation and excellent financial standing.

LOUIS A. NOVINS CALIF.

Bufiles reveal Novins was the subject of a Departmental Applicant investigation in 1941. He was born as Louis Novinitsky in Boston, Massachusetts, on 2-22-09. No derogatory information was developed concerning him. According to "Who's Who," Novins has been active in Jewish community and civic groups in both the Los Angeles and New York City areas. He resides in Harrison, New York, and until recently was President and Director of International Telemeter Corporation.

JOHN L. MC CAFFREY IND

The above-captioned was investigated by the FBI in 1948 in connection with the European Recovery Program. He has been employed by International Harvester Company from 6-9-09, where he began work as an office boy and is now President of the company. The investigation was very favorable concerning him. He was also the subject of an FBI inquiry in 1952 in connection with an Atomic Energy Act-Applicant matter. This investigation was also favorable.

"Who's Who" reveals he is associated with numerous civic and social organizations in addition to the American Heritage Foundation. He is also very active in Catholic lay groups and is a lay trustee of the University of Notre Dame.

CHARLES W. ENGELHARD, JR. EUROPE

According to "Who's Who," Engelhard is President of Engelhard Industries, Newark, New Jersey, which deals in precious metals and he resides in Far Hills, New Jersey. He was born 2-15-17, New York City. The Bureau has not conducted any investigation on Engelhard, but Bufiles reveal that Engelhard in 1944 had been dating Judy Ware, the daughter of Jessica Smith Ware Abt. Judy Ware became ill and was confined to the Manhattan General Hospital for treatment for severe case of syphilis which she supposedly contracted from Engelhard. Judy Ware's father was Harold Ware, the late son of Ella Reeves "Mother" Bloor, one of the founders of the